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Lava Beds National Monument Plans Pile Burning

TULELAKE, California - Lava Beds National Monument is planning to implement pile burning at Hidden Valley and Gillem Camp this fall and winter as conditions are favorable.

The National Park Service uses prescribed fire as a tool to help reduce the intensity of future fires by removing unnatural accumulations of forest fuels resulting from fire suppression. Prescribed fire improves forest health by reducing the amount of dead, woody debris that can lead to larger, more intense fires.

The Hidden Valley unit is located within and adjacent to Hidden Valley, on the southern boundary of the monument, east of the Medicine Lake Road. Piles are also located above Gillem's Camp at the north end of the monument. Visitors can expect temporary trail closures on the Hidden Valley Trail and the Gillem's Bluff trail for safety during implementation. Ignitions are expected to take 1-2 days.

Prescribed fires will only be ignited when sufficient firefighting resources are in place and weather conditions are favorable for holding and meeting resource objectives. As with all fires, the safety of the public and firefighters is the number one priority.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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